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UDOT I-15 CORE to close Provo Center Street under I-15 through mid-November

Combined closure to allow crews to complete 70 percent of the interchange work and reopen before Thanksgiving

LEHI, Utah (Sept. 26, 2011) — Construction teams on UDOT's Utah County I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) are scheduled to close Provo Center Street under I-15 beginning as early as Saturday, Oct. 1. This closure, along with the existing closure of the southbound I-15 off-ramp at Provo Center Street, will remain in place through mid-November.

"These closures will significantly limit east-west travel and access to the freeway," said Dal Hawks, I-15 CORE project director. "At the same time, we will be able to completely reopen the interchange before the holiday season, allowing easier access to holiday shopping and activities in the Provo area."

Combining these two closures will eliminate the need for several complicated traffic shifts and temporary signals. The closures also greatly reduce the length of future closures on the northbound ramps, planned for next year, cutting the duration of those future closures by three weeks. Workers will be able to complete 70 percent of the necessary construction at the interchange before it reopens in November.

UDOT recognizes that construction activities at Provo Center Street will cause some added inconvenience and will require drivers to adjust their travel routes and schedules.

During the closures, drivers on I-15 should use the University Avenue interchange. Local motorists should use 900 West to 600 South to 1600 West to cross I-15 between downtown and west Provo. UDOT will be working closely with Provo City to help move traffic along the detour route. A map of the closure and alternate routes is available at udot.utah.gov/i15core. A video progress update explaining the construction activities at this interchange can be viewed at <http://youtu.be/MSrn4tlKFk8>.

UDOT encourages customers to continue to frequent local businesses in the area, which will remain open and accessible through the closure.

The 24-mile I-15 CORE freeway reconstruction project is on schedule for completion in

December 2012.

For more information about the 500 East interchange closures or the I-15 CORE project, visit udot.utah.gov/i15core. The 24-mile I-15 CORE freeway reconstruction project is on schedule for completion in December 2012. Drivers can stay informed by signing up for weekly email updates at www.udot.utah.gov/i15core, following the project on www.facebook.com/i15core and www.twitter.com/i15core and receiving text updates by texting "i15" to 53535.

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